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SUBJECT: DIET REPORT

SUMMARY. LDP HAS DECIDED TO SEEK, AND IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO GET, EXTENSION OF CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY DIET UNTIL ABOUT NOVEMBER 25. EXCEPT FOR ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF-RELATED DOMESTIC LEGISLATION, ALL IMPORTANT LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PASSED BY LOWER HOUSE, AND IS LIKELY TO BE PASSED BY UPPER HOUSE WITHIN EXTENDED TIME PERIOD. OPPOSITION OF SOHYO-AFFILIATED UNIONS TO BILLS RAISING BOTH NATIONAL RAILWAY FARES AND COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE RESULTED IN BRIEF RAIL STRIKE WHICH TIED UP KANSAI AND KANTO COMMUTER SERVICE ON MORNING OF NOVEMBER 4. END SUMMARY.

1. EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION WAS SCHEDULED TO END NOVEMBER 7 BUT, EVEN THOUGH SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BILL PASSED SMOOTHLY, DIET WILL HAVE TO BE EXTENDED TO ACT
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ON REMAINING BILLS. THUS, ON NOVEMBER 4, LDP DECIDED TO SEEK EXTENSION UNTIL NOVEMBER 25 AND IS NOW REQUESTING OPPOSITION'S AGREEMENT. NLC FAVORS EXTENSION, BUT JSP, JCP AND CGP ARE AGAINST. DSP, OFTEN WILLING TO COOPERATE ON DIET MANAGEMENT WITH LDP, HAS SO FAR NOT MADE ITS VIEW KNOWN. LDP (AND NLC) VOTES ARE ENOUGH TO APPROVE EXTENSION, BUT LDP WOULD LIKE TO SECURE

COOPERATION ON VOTE OF AT LEAST ONE MORE PARTY TO
ASSURE THAT EXTENDED DIET SESSION OPERATES SMOOTHLY.
LOWER HOUSE WILL VOTE ON EXTENSION NOVEMBER 7.

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS REMAINING ON AGENDA ARE BILL
IMPLEMENTING JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT,
STILL IN LOWER HOUSE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE, PLUS BILLS RAISING JNR FARES AND NATIONAL
HEALTH INSURANCE RATES. ALTHOUGH OPPOSITION PARTIES
DRAGGED HEELS IN COMMITTEE, BOTH OF LATTER BILLS
FINALLY PASSED LOWER HOUSE.

3. SOHYO UNIONS AND SOHYO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REMAIN
STRONGLY OPPOSED TO JNR AND HEALTH INSURANCE BILLS.
TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DISPLEASURE, JNR UNIONS HELD
BRIEF STRIKES MORNING OF NOVEMBER 4. PASSENGER
SERVICE ON ALL JNR LINES IN KANSAI AND KANTO REGIONS
WAS STOPPED FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, INCONVENIENCING
SEVERAL MILLION COMMUTERS.

4. DESPITE SOHYO'S SHOW OF STRENGTH, BOTH BILLS WILL
PROBABLY PASS UPPER HOUSE WITHIN EXTENDED TIME
LIMIT. IN CONTRAST, CONTINENTAL SHELF BILL, WHICH IS
OPPOSED BY ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES (EXCEPT GENERALLY
PRO-ROK DSP) FACES ROUGH BATTLE WITH OPPOSITION'S
SO FAR SUCCESSFUL DELAYING TACTICS LIKELY TO BE
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